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## **GO VIRGINIA REGION 9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT DEADLINE SET FOR APRIL 3, 2018**

**Charlottesville, VA** – The GO Virginia Region 9 Council is soliciting economic development grant proposals for up to \$800,000. The project application deadline is now set as April 3, 2018.

GO Virginia Region 9, also known as The Piedmont Opportunity Corridor, is composed of eleven localities including, the City of Charlottesville, and the Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange and Rappahannock. This funding opportunity is part of the Virginia Initiative for Growth & Opportunity or “GO Virginia”, a statewide initiative to generate private-sector growth and job opportunities.

To be eligible for funding in Region 9, projects must lead to the creation of higher paying jobs, involve two or more localities in the region, demonstrate collaboration between business, education and local government, as well as address opportunities identified in the Region 9 Growth & Diversification Plan (Growth Plan). Matching funds are also required.

“This is an exciting time for our region,” says Brian Cole, Chair, Regional Council 9, and Executive Site Lead, LexisNexis. “To grow our region’s economy, business, education and government must work together.”

Tom Click, Vice Chair, Regional Council 9, and President, Patriot Aluminum adds, “GO Virginia provides a way for the state to provide matching funds for strategic, economic development projects that will lead to strong private-sector job creation.”

In Region 9, eligible project categories include, Talent Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Growing Existing Business, and Site Readiness. Proposals must positively impact one or more of the identified targeted industries: Information Technology, Food and Beverage Manufacturing, Financial and Business Services, Light Manufacturing, and Biotechnology.

Before completing a comprehensive application, applicants should submit a Pre-Application to ensure that a project qualifies. The Pre-Application, the Growth Plan, and additional information can be found at [www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org).

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The Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development, a not-for-profit public/private partnership, is the regional economic development organization for Charlottesville and eight counties, serves as the support organization for GO Virginia Regional Council 9. For information, please visit [www.centralvirginia.org](http://www.centralvirginia.org).

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